

Mount Vernon City Library



Spotlight on Summer Reading Program.

by Linda Allen, Youth Services Librarian

WHO-All Youth from 3 – 18 years of age

WHAT-The three main components of Summer Reading.

1. reading at least 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 8 weeks
2. incentive prizes for reaching reading goals
3. free activities and entertainer programs which include African Drumming, the Reptile Man, and more!



Friends of the Reptile Man!

WHEN-Sign up at the library begins **Monday, June 6**. Participants receive a reading log to keep track of their minutes of reading, a colorful book bag, and a schedule of special events. Summer Reading fits your family schedule. Reading can be completed at home (or while on vacation). Participants check in twice for prizes: at half-way when they can choose a free pass to a local venue or an Everett AquaSox game. When they reach the 800 minute reading goal they can choose a free book.

WHERE-All six Skagit County Libraries. Through a partnership with SKAT Transit, Summer Reading participants (including a parent/and or guardian) may use the reading log as a bus pass to ride free to any of the libraries through the months of June, July and August.

WHY- Participation in the Library Summer Reading Program helps maintain or even improve reading levels. Numerous studies have shown that children who participate in Library Summer Reading Programs increase their reading skills and their enjoyment of reading. One of the main components is having access to a variety of interesting books. At the Mount Vernon City Library there are over 26,000 books available for circulation in the combined youth and teen areas!

Spring Book Sale ... a Library Tradition

Mark your calendars! The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Spring Book Sale is **Saturday, April 16**, from **10 AM-4 PM**. Great selection, great prices and a great cause—all funds raised by the Friends support programs or items that would otherwise be beyond what the Library's budget can afford. The Sale will take place in the patio area between the back of the Library and City Hall. In the case of inclement weather, the Sale will go on...inside the adjacent Fire Station #1. The sale will feature an extra big selection of VHS tapes, recently withdrawn from the Library's collection. Come visit the sale on your way to or from the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival's Downtown Mount Vernon Street Fair, just a few blocks down 1st Street! Library staff thanks the Friends for their support as well as the Fire Department, the Waste-water Division of the Public Works Department and the City Works program of the Parks Department for all their logistic support for the Friends Book Sale. See you on April 16!

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Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

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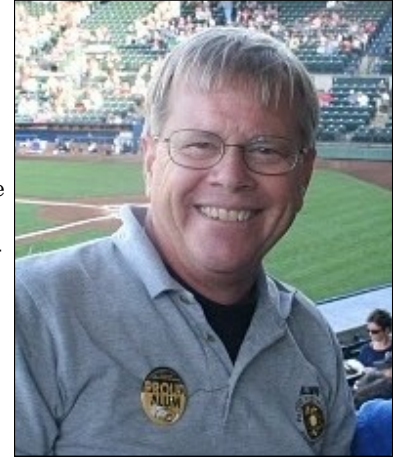


Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson

The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library are regular folks, just like you, who help provide the library and its staff with things and programs the city budget just can't fund, such as the new bulletin board over the drinking fountain or the CD racks. Soon we'll see a family window-seat in the children's section and have another exciting summer reading program, all provided by the Friends and readers like you.

Our library is important to readers like you. There are several ways you can help the Friends continue to strengthen the library and its programs. Become a dues-paying member by completing the form in the Book Nook, enclose \$3, for an annual membership, and give it to a librarian. You can also make a tax-deductible donation by depositing a check to Friends of the Mount Vernon Library in the donation box next to the Book Nook, giving it to any librarian, or mailing it to the library. And don't forget to bring us your "gently used books" for our April 16 sale, which we also hope you'll attend!

Our chapter is one of hundreds across the country, each dedicated to supporting its local library. Take a clue from Emmy Award winner Paula Poundstone, national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries USA and join us. Check out Paula's message at: www.youtube.com/user/FOLUSA#p/a/u/1/MYYrFSpbBbA today!



Dave Johnson, Friends President

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Harold Page

"Mount Vernon needs a new Library."

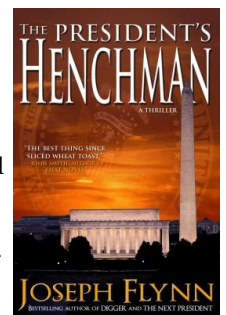
It's a simple statement and not even controversial. The current facility is no longer appropriate to the size of the population it serves. And it's with this stated purpose that the Mount Vernon Library Foundation has been formed. For almost a year we have dealt with the issues faced by nascent non-profits: filing of incorporation papers, establishing by-laws, setting up a bank account and electing officers. We are currently in the midst of establishing our 501.c.3 status with the I.R.S. Now comes the fun part. Over the next few months our efforts will be focused in three areas: Getting our message out to the citizens of Mount Vernon and gathering their input; recruiting energetic, community-minded people to serve on our board; and developing fund-raising strategies. These are some of the steps along the way. But the end goal is to solve one problem: "Mount Vernon needs a new Library".

Harold Page, Library Foundation President

Featured Book Review

The President's Henchman, by Joseph Flynn (reviewed by patron Stephen H. Overstreet, Mount Vernon)

Vince Flynn's name is very well known to thriller fiction fans. However, another Flynn is emerging who promises strong competition for Vince. Though Joseph Flynn is a relatively new author he has all of the other Flynn's panache, pacing and action. Joseph Flynn's publisher is Variance Publishing which is also a newcomer in the fast action thriller market. *The President's Henchman* is a suspense tale about our first female President, Patricia Darden Grant, who rises in rank due to a political assassination. Her new husband is Jim McGill, a divorced Catholic and retired Chicago cop who solved the assassination of the President's first husband. The ins and outs of high federal and world politics that Flynn describes are deep and insightful. His villains are typical but not cartoonish or cardboard. The plot is plausible, thrilling and a pleasure to read. Do give Joseph Flynn's *The President's Henchman* a try. He offers us a philosophical laugh a minute and a good read for our scary contemporary world.



2011 April-June Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

April 1-May 21	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Fridays and Saturdays.
April 4-May 16	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-2 years, Mondays.
April 5-May 17	Did You Know?, 4-4:30 pm, 9-11 years, Tuesdays.
April 5-May 17	Bilingual Storytime, 6:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.
April 6-May 18	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.
April 6, May 11	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-7 PM.
April 7-May 19	Travels with SKOOB, 4-4:30 pm, 6-8 years, Thursdays.
April 7	Make a Zine Workshop, 4-7 pm, ages 9 and up.
April 12	Author Talk, Susan Colleen Brown (a National Library Week program), 6:30 pm.
April 12	Library Snapshot Day (a National Library Week program)
April 14, May 12, June 9	Teen Writing Group, 5:30-7:30 pm, ages 12-18.
April 16	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Book Sale (outside), 10 am-4 pm.
April 19	Why Credit Is Important to You & Your Family (Renew Washington program), 6:30 pm.
April 21, May 19, June 16	ASIF! (Teen Advisory group) meeting, 5-6 pm, ages 12-18.
May 3	Novel Destinations/Novel Journeys—China, 6:30 pm
May 10	Novel Destinations/Novel Journeys—Turkey, 6:30 pm
May 17	Novel Destinations/Novel Journeys—Southeast Asia, 6:30 pm
May 18	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library membership meeting, 6-7:30 pm.
May 24	Novel Destinations/Novel Journeys—Nepal, 6:30 pm.
May 27	Teens and Seniors Game Night, 6-8 PM.
June 6	Official start of Summer Reading Program!
June 11	“Shakespeare’s Fools” (Shakespeare Northwest) visit the library, 1-2 PM, age 10 and up.

Novel Destinations – Novel Journeys @Mount Vernon City Library

By Sara Holahan, Deputy Director

This year’s adult reading and culture program will take place May through June. In May there will be weekly travel presentations on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm highlighting some fascinating trips to China, Turkey, Southeast Asia and Nepal with Rick and Sheila Nelson. Sometime in June, Jo Derske, author of the Miss Zukas mystery series will highlight the release of her latest (and last) book featuring the librarian sleuth. In connection with the theme of Novel Destinations/Novel Journeys, readers can either fill out a “reading map” or a traditional book review to share with other readers. Selected entries will be posted in the library and on the library website. Prizes will be awarded, with a grand prize being a Novel destination stay on Whidbey Island, supplied by the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library.



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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Bud Norris.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Paul Jurenka (Vice Chair), Bill Craig (Secretary), Scott Correa and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve the public.

2011 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-5 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 21	Presidents' Day
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day (observed)

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

